

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/10/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4,5,9,10,14 and 15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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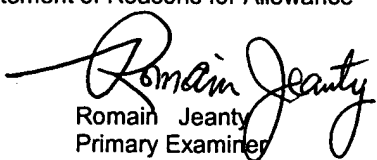
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☒ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 4-5, 9-10, 14-15 are allowed.

Reason for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention relates to a method for improving the collection and processing of information related to the messaging industry. It is accomplished by collecting transaction data associated with the processing of messaging by a plurality of discrete messaging systems and organizing transaction data from the plurality of messaging systems corresponding to a selected recipient.

The closest prior art is to Smith et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,463,462). Smith discloses a message processing system and method that defines and is adapted for use with multiple types of messaging devices and that delivers messages and notifications. However, Smith et al fails to teach or suggest each plurality of messaging systems for processing messages intended for recipients, a data center data processing system in communication with the plurality of messaging systems for storing transaction data (Note applicant's specification with regard to the discussion of said transaction data at page 5, line 13 through page 6, line 15 in reference to Fig. 2 and reference numeral 210 as well as the description at page 7, line 10 through page 9 line 17, Figs. 4-5 and step 506), each respective sender has associated classification data indicating an industry segment that described the respective sender's activities and the control system is for using the sender classification data to store an indication in the recipient profile of types of

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senders that originated the messages intended for the defined recipient as recited in independent claims 4, and 9.

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4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a. Austin et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,157,924) discloses a system data processing

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systems, methods, and computer program products for delivering information.

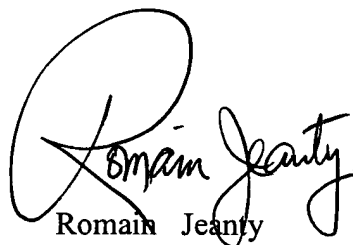
b. Finnigan (Wo9614701) discloses a telephonic voice messages system for transmitting voice messages.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Romain Jeanty whose telephone number is (571) 272-6732. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq R. Hafiz can be reached on (571) 272-6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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